Safety and upliftment of children

1854. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various programmes/schemes of the Ministry for the betterment, safety and upliftment of poor children, girl child and orphan children;

(b) whether these programmes/schemes, which are being run by various organisations etc., are properly monitored/inspected by any special cell of the Ministry;

(c) if so, the details of the report being generated by the Monitoring Committee during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for the increasing number of girl child trafficking cases and child prostitution cases throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the following schemes for the welfare of children:

(i) A Programme for Juvenile Justice;

(ii) An Integrated Programme for Street Children;

(iii) Scheme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care and Protection;

(iv) Scheme for Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) to Promote In-country Adoption; and

(v) The Scheme of Dhanalakshmi—Conditional Cash Transfer for the Girl Child with Insurance Cover.

(b) These schemes are regularly monitored/inspected through State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Further, the implementation of the projects being run by the organisations under the scheme, 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children' are also monitored/inspected by the nodal agency of the Ministry *i.e.* Childline India Foundation (CIF), Mumbai. The Ministry releases grants to the organisations based on the recommendations/inspection report of the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Apart from this, officers from the Ministry also inspect these projects from time to time.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As per the study commissioned by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, titled "Girls/Women in Prostitution in India" the reasons for increasing number of girl-child trafficking cases and child prostitution cases are illiteracy, lack of vocational skills, economic distress, migration, growing consumerism, ill treatment by parents/guardians, desertion by spouse, dejection in love and deception.

Increase in divorce cases

1855. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that there has been a rapid increase in divorce cases in the country, particularly in the Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai in the recent past;

(b) what the Ministry has done for mass awareness among the people/women, who are being harassed in the urban areas, as well as rural areas;